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FROM: BERLIN

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 15, JULY 2, 6 PM

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PARIS FOR EMBASSY, USRO, CINCEUR THURSTON AND WEST

REF: OURTEL 02 TO BONN AND DEPT

GEN HAMLETT SENT FOLLOWING REPLY DATED JULY 2 TO ACTING SOV
COMMANDANT KOROL:

BEGIN TEXT

YOUR LETTER OF 26 JUNE 1959 WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION UPON MY RETURN TO BERLIN. I CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR DISAVOWAL OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INCIDENTS MENTIONED IN MY LETTER OF 22 JUNE AND I SHALL CONTINUE TO HOLD THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ACCOUNTABLE FOR INSURING THE FREE AND UNINTERRUPTED MOVEMENT OF OUR TRAFFIC ALONG THE LE 3TH OF THE BERLIN-HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN.

END TEXT

REVIEW OF FILES INDICATES THIS NOT RPT NOT FIRST TIME SOVS HAVE ASSERTED AUTOBAHN BETWEEN CHECKPOINTS UNDER CONTROL EAST GERMANS (BONN'S 2956 TO DEPT, 1033 BERLIN). USCIB'S 11 TO CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG DATED FEB 3, 1957, RE APPREHENSION AND FINING TWO U.S. ENLISTED MEN BY EAST GERMAN POLICE ON SPEEDING CHARGE, CITES SOV AUTHORITIES AS STATING "THE SPE VIOLATION DOES NOT CONCERN SOVIET AUTHORITIES SINCE THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT OWNS THE AUTOBAHN...THEREFORE THE MATTER SHOULD BE SETTLED WITH THE VOLKSPOLIZEI." USCIB'S PROTES REPORTED OURTEL 685 TO BONN, 781 TO DEPT, 4 FEB 57.

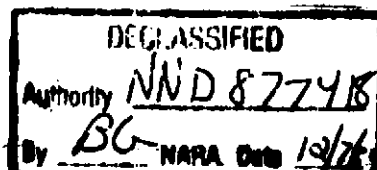
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